

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits below a complete listing of the current claims, including marked-up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

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1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An object model embodied on a computer-readable medium for managing a service on a computer, the object model comprising:

a policy object model for specifying, by a first user, if it has been determined that the first user is authorized to perform the specification by comparing a rank of the first user against a permitted rank, ~~one or more policies~~ at least one first policy that the service supports in a packet-centric form, and, by a second user, at least one second policy by selecting a security level from a plurality of security levels, with each security level from the plurality of security levels being previously set for a specified application and a specified user ~~said one or more policies in a user-centric form and/or an application-centric form;~~ and

a policy engine platform for interacting of the said first user with the at least one first policy ~~said one or more policies specified in said packet-centric form~~ and of the said second user with the at least one second policy ~~said one or more policies specified in said user-centric form and/or said application-centric form,~~ and to provide the at least one first policy and the at least one second policy ~~said one or more policies~~ to said at least one component that actually performs the service.

8. (Previously presented) The object model of claim 7, wherein the policy engine platform comprises a rule editor for adding an additional policy by said first user in accordance with the policy object model.